

HOUSE No. 82

By Mr. Perry of Sandwich, petition of Jeffrey Davis Perry relative to the formation of regional town committees in areas where organization of individual town committees are unorganized upon written request of the state committees of political parties. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 2 of Chapter 52 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended at the end thereof by
3 adding the following paragraphs:—

4 Each political party shall have the option in geographic areas
5 where organization of individual town committees are unorga-
6 nized, to determine if the State Committee will allow, upon
7 written request, the formation of a Regional Committee, to be
8 composed of no more than five separate towns. These Regional
9 Town Committees shall organize with the cooperation of the State
10 Committee members as provided for elsewhere in the applicable
11 laws and regulations and will abide by all other duties and restric-
12 tions as so described.

13 Upon reaching a membership of 40 regular members, the
14 Regional Committee may be disbanded to form individual town
15 committees. If one municipality should have ten (10) members, it
16 will be allowed at the next regular meeting of the State committee
17 to withdraw from the Regional Town Committee upon receipt of a
18 written request from those members to do so. The other munici-
19 palities in the Regional committee will be allowed to remain as a
20 Regional Committee, unless the remaining members are fewer
21 than five (5).

22 Permission for the creation of such a Regional Committee shall
23 be granted with a two-thirds vote of the members present at the
24 State Committee meeting at which the request is made.